MS. HISTORY OF THE MATHESONS

MISS MATHESON-DORNIE

John duth Mac Mhathain a rich gentleman was mad
of Islanddonan Castle after Gillichriste Mac Leonlays death
Annie daughter of Duncan ban laird of Glenmorriston and relic
Mac Kenzie Priest of Kintail who lived in Achagurain in Glenshiel
Matheson the chief of the Clan Mhic Mhathain Lochalshe was killed
Gorm fifth Baron of Sleat A.D 1537 while defending the Fort Iron
He left a son Dugald whom he named for his veneration for the

Dugald Roy Matheson was succeeded by his son

Dugald Roy Resided in Balmacarra his eldest daughter Jean marrie
Second son of John Mac Kenzie of Ord he was the first of the Fam
Highfield A.D 1580

Murdoch buidhe or yellow-haired son of Dugald occupied only now the third
Lochalsh with the lands of Kishorn he was brave and active and of a warlike
disposition and served his King and country when required about the year 1580 Mu
espoused the quarrel of a clansman in the following manner against the Mac Leo
of Glenelg. A Lochalsh man having gon with a herd of cattle to Summer pasture
to the East at the entrance of Kyle Rhea called Tengamhon which place was
in dispute as the boundaries of the march between Kintail and Glenelg.
Mac Leod hearing of this Lochalshman taking possession of these limits and
Chased by the Mac Crimmonds who were his followers and subjects. Mac Leod
with a large Birlinn and a strong party of Resolute men to eject Matheson
from his new possession and then Commenced to drive away and cut off the
hoops of the cattle which was then the practice of the times when a tenant was eje
But Matheson being an expert archer he Killed Several of Mac Leods men
that was at the end mortally wounded by Mac Crimmond.
Murdoch Matheson of Lochalsh hearing this the slaughter of his Kinsma
To retaliate this upon the Mac Leods he put the Crann tara or fiery cross
through the country and summoned his clan to arms and having convene
his trusty Clansmen and followers, for to ravage Glenelg with fire and
But the Glenelg men being appraized of the Lochalshmens design
they gathered to arms, for defending there country from Matheson attac
and meets him with pipes playing and Banners waving in order of Bat
upon the Ridge of the hill between Kintail and Glenelg The Glenelg men
was commanded by Mac Crimmond a brave Courtier who had the mos
of his clansmen upon the field Here after done purpose of Peace made
rejected a bloody conflict ensued which was contested Man and
per es upon both sides until the most part of the two contesta
Heroes fell. But at last the victory was obtained by Matt

We are told in this engagement that Eighty one of Clann
d fell that day. The Hill upon which this dismal conflict
bears the name ever since of Mac Crimmons Cairn hence the
rk

Gu cuirain _ S gòrr theimdh.
Ri càrn chlann mhic crimmoin.
Mar chuimhne air mo chunnadh.
Gun chinnaich leo buaidh ann.

Which runs in English literally thus
A blaze I vowed Kindle
To the Cairn of Mac crimmond
In praise of my Kindrid
That there they victoriously triumphed

This Murdoch was greatly harassed by the Macdonells of Glengarry to his oppression the tenants in Lochalsh. He married a daughter of Mackenzie of Fairburn by whom he left issue two sons Roderick & Dugald Dug ald inherited Balmacara Lochalsh, and Roderick the Eldest son ancestor of the Mathesons of Bennetsfield and Shinnish Sutherlandshire Fernaig (of whom more hereafter)

Dugald the son of Murdoch heir inherited Balmacara he was rich and in opulent circumstances and greatly beloved by Mackenzie Lord Colin of Kintail in the Chief employment of the people of the Highlands in general in the summer season pastoral or Rural life with the Cattle in the Hills where they lived in general upon the produce of the chase and Dairy, and lived in the Shelling or Booths aside a rilling Stream in the glens of the Heights and the Straths were neglected till the cold of winter set in upon them, Upon one of these occurences when the Country people were in the Heights with their herds of Cattle a Pirate Ship broke in upon Lochalsh and made a predatory excursion through the Country and carried off a Great spoil Dugald's house at Balmacara was plundered and the best of its effects taken. This news soon run through the Country and Dugald gathered together a band of Resolute men and his son in law Mr John Mac Rae a bold and daring Sondsman came with a band of the Mac Raes and went immediately through the night to the Pirate which was lying at anchor at Kalloch Stane and took them by surprise and put them to the sword and took the Ship by storm, A great quantity of Bullion was found in the Pirate which was taken ashore to Balmacara and concealed out side from this he got the appelation to his name of Dùghall an òir, Dugald was

* These Shealings or Booths was formed with turf couples fastened with their ends in the ground and covered over entirely with turf having a flat stone in the center on which the fire of the single appartment was lighted with a hole in the roof above to let the smoke out and where the tenantry collected their milk and made their stones of butter and cheese in these Shellings baths sacred and tenant-lines as dirty as in a palace

chiefly employed in cattle dealing which he generally sent South in large herds to the southern markets This Dugald lived to an advanced age and left at least two sons by his wife Margaret MacKenzie namely John & Murdoch and margaret who married Mr John MacRae in Kintail
It is intended to trace the offspring of the youngest sons first in order to have the eldest sons in the Roll of each generation

Murdoch iMatheson the youngest son got a liberal education when young his father put him to study for the church under the guardianship of Bishope Carswell of Angyle where he studied to be a preacher of the Gospel but did not adopt that office He was a great admirer of Poetry and made a Gaelic Collection of Ancient Songs with many of Bishope Carswell sacret Song The manuscript was in the Possession of the Fearnaigs Family and dated 1660 The manuscript finally fell into the collection of Captain MacLachlin of Kilbride. owing to some misenderstanding between himsely and MacKenzie of Kintail about some money he lent him he was necessitated to quite Lochalsh and take lands in the Isle of skye namely Leitirthurra na geige and Ru mor callich He married Mary daughter of Alexander MacKenzie of Davochmaluack by whom he had two sons viz Alexander and Dugald in consequence of this alliance an interposal was made between him and MacKenzie of Kintail by which a Reconciliation took place that he should Return to Lochalsh and pay Rent for the Farm of Achandarrach where he lived all his Days

Dugald og the second son of Murdochs left a son named John who marr. a daughter of John MacKenzie Esquire of Applecross by whom he had five sons viz Roderick Beg Donald Kenneth Murdoch John & Dugald beg mac Iain mhic Dhubhail who died young without Male issue. John the 5th son left a son named Roderick who left a son named Roderick og who left a son Roderick og third Tong who resided at Kirktown of Lochalsh A D 1780 and married Catharine daughter of Duncan Finlaysons Achmore issues 7 sons 1 Roderick og 2 Donald 3 Kenneth 4 John 5 William 6 Duncan 7 Alexander & Murdoch 4th Dugald. who emegrated to Australia 1828. Murdoch married Christina and emegrated from Rairag Lochalsh with his Family to Upper Canada A. D 1849. Duncan the 6th Son was a Schoalmaster in Dundee.

Murdoch Matheson of Balmacara appears in the valuation Roll of Ross in 1644 as heritor of Lands in the Parish of Lochalsh to the value of £100 Scots per Annum. He married 27th April 1631 Christane MacLennan daughter of Donald MacLennan Chamberlane in Kintail She died in August 1654 leaving issue Dugald og & christean Dugald og was Chamberlane of Lochalsh He married 1676 Christane Clarck daughter of Mr Donald Clarck Minister of Lochalsh

Donald the second son of Dugald og his descendant was Dugald Matheson commonly called Dughall a Chaoil who left 3 sons viz Murdoch Donald & William. William MacDughall Married Ann daughter of John Baine Matheson issue issue Dugald beg who resided in Erbusaig. Dugald beg married Isabella gillanders issue three & a Daughter namely Donald. Alexander. William, & Elizabeth, William the son of Dugald beg resides at Erbusaig Married to Rebeca Daughter of Alasdir mac Dhoil Mhic Dhuil issue William & Dugald Donald mac Dhuil Chig married Ann MacKay, issue Kenneth Matheson at Erbusaig Kenneth Married Variote daughter of Allan MacLennan Salachy and has issue

Donald Second son of Dugald a Chaoil was a tenant at Rairaig Lochalsh where he married and had of issue two sons Alexander & Roderick. who left a Son named Dugald who left three sons viz Roderick Murdoch & John John died without issue. Murdoch mac Dhuil married Catharine daughter of Kenneth MacKenzie Kishorn and Emegnated with his Family to Cape Britton America, Roderick Mac Dhughaill was a handsom stout man and engaged in the sea faring line he put up as a merchant at Plockton he was the first man who builded a sleated house at Plockton Roderick married Anne MacKenzie daughter of William Rona issue before he left Lohn & Mary he emegnated to Cape Britton where he set up in the Merchantile line where his Family resides in opulent circumstances.

Alexander the Son of Donald married Janet daughter of Donald Matheson issue John & Rebeca who married William her cousin above stated. John is a tenant at Doire na hearbin in Lochalsh married to Margaret daughter of Donald MacLean at Aspelcrop issue Donald & Kenneth, Donald the Eldest son is a Steamboat agent at Balmacara

Murdoch mac Dhughaill a Chaoil married Mary daughter of Alasdir MacRyairi issue Donald Matheson he married Secondly Christina daughter of Alexander Matheson issue Dugald Matheson who died out alone and found dead in Glenna beat on the Island of Skye.

Donald the son of Murdoch MacDhughill a Chaoil was a ship carpenter to trade and resided in Dornish he married Chorstina daughter of John og Matheson above stated issue Murdoch Mary & Marion Mary Married Christopher MacRae Auernuch Marion Margaret Matheson at Plocktown, Murdoch the Son of Donald was also a Ships carpenter and resided at Plocktown he married Margaret daughter of Roderick Matheson Plocktown he died leaving issue Roderick & Donald & Two daughters Christina

Roderick beg mac Iain mhic Dhuill mhic Mharachai Bhuidhe the eldest Son was a Gentleman bread at School and much renowned at home and from home He occupied the Farm of Achawandarrach wher the House he builded is still standing He followed the Occupation of Cattle and Horse dealing on an esetencive Scale. In allusion to which we have the following Portical lines.

Ruairidh beg mac Iain mhic Dhùghail
Marsanta nan each sna bà crùnth
Ga be dhiaradh san tigh thabhairn
Sa phaigheadh an tairgaid dìghe

Roderick beg married Chirstina daughter of John bree the son of Wm. Fergusar and the widow of Murdoch son of Alesdir mac Iain oig who occupied the farm before him He left of issue by her, two sons Murdoch and Alesceander Alesceander the son of Roderick married Mary daughter of Donald mac Rae in Airaidh dhubhagain issue three sons & three daughters viz't John & Christopher and Kenneth Mary Catherine and Chirstina and Ann, Mary Married Murdoch mac Dhughill above stated Catherine Married John mac Kay in Plocktown Chirstina Married Roderick Emlagen at Achamane Ann Married Alasdir mac Ruairi bhuidhe in Erbersaig Kenneth the son of Alescander mac Ruairi bhig married Catherine daughter of John mac Kenzie Plocktown issue Alescander Matheson Shoemaker in Plocktown who died 1862 leaving issue John his son was a seaman and married Chirstina Matheson sister of Kenneth og at Plocktown and emegnated with his family to America.

Christopher the second son of Alescander Married Catherine daughter of John mac Ruairi Matheson issue three sons John Alescander Donald and a daughter Mary Donald the third son was a tenant at Erbersaig He married Ilona MacRae issue two sons Duncan & Donald.

Alescander the second son married Helen MacKenzie and left of issue two sons Duncan & Christopher at Dornoch.

John Married Mary daughter of Roderick bui Matheson Erbersaig issue Christopher, John, Roderick, Donald and Alescander they all emegnated to Canada except Alescander who is a tenant at Drumbuie of Durnish.

John the son of Alasdair mac Ruairidh bhig married Anabella daughter of Fargubar MacRae in Airaidh dhugain issue Roderick & Isabella Roderick the white Fiddler resided at Plocktown and married Marion Matheson from Skye issue John, Fargubar, Alexander and Margaret, Fargubar was a boat builder at Plocktown

Plocktown Lochalsh and married Murion Matheson daughter of Donald mac Mhurchi Mhic Dhuill a Chaoil he died 1862 leaving issue 1 son Roderick Mary Anabella & Chirstina

John the eldest son married Catherine daughter of Murdoch MacRae Elder Stnome issue Roderick & Donald both seafaring men at Plocktown.

Murdoch the eldest son of Roderick beg mac Iain Mhic Dhuil oig Resided in Achandarroch He married A.D 1735 Mary MacRae daughter of Alasdair Mor mac Iain Mhic Dhunachie from Strath Glass. Issue John & Marys. ~~Mary~~ Catherine married Murdoch MacAulay in Bundalloch.

John married Chirstina daughter of John MacRae issue Roderick Murdoch Duncan and Alexander John was living as wood Forester under Lord Lovate in the Aird where he died A.D 1845 at the advanced age of 109 years Murdoch the second son left three sons John Donald and William who is a baker at Inverness John is a Joiner at Edinburgh.

Duncan his son married Mary Matheson daughter of Roderick Lundy Lochalsh he is at this time a farmer in Urchart and has of issue 5 sons viz (Donald, Roderick, John, Murdoch, Duncan, Chirstina Ann & Marys).

Alexander Matheson the Eldest son of Murdoch mac Dùghaillean oir of Balmacara, left but one son called Kenneth this Kenneth had one son named Murdoch who married Catherine Matheson daughter of Dugald Matheson Jackman of Durnish he died young leaving only one son named Dugald buidhe. Dugald buidhe married Flora mac Lennan A.D 1743 by whom he had 4 sons viz John. Donald. Murdoch & Alexander. Alexander the fourth son of Dugald buidhe married Mary daughter of Kenneth Matheson Plocktown by whom he had of issue 3 sons & 2 daughters viz Dugald. Alexander. Murdoch. Elizabeth. and catherine. Elizabeth married Duncan Forbes. and left issue Catherine married Alexander Gillanders Post Lochalsh.

Murdoch married Jean Mac Millan a native of Campbeltown Alexander only one son survives John Matheson Alexander married christina mac Bain issue one son John Matheson Dugald married Isabella daughter of Alexander MacKenzie Audelue.

Murdoch the third son of Dugald buidhe was married to Mary daughter of Finlay MacRae Duaird of Plocktown by whom he had three sons viz John Kenneth & Roderick Roderick married a daughter of Donald

Donald Finlayson Achmore and left issue. John married Elizabeth daughter of Roderick Matheson Erbersaig and had issue they emegnated with their families to Cape Bretton 22 day of June 1820 Their father Murdoch was killed in a skermish in the Revenue cutter A. D. 1815

Donald the second son of Dugald buidhe was a Miller at Fearnaig He married Martha MacKay by whom he had three sons viz 1 John Duncan 2 Dugald Donald the miller resided in Auernish in his old age where he died 1848 at the advanced age of 101 years.

Dugald his third son married Catherine daughter of Kenneth Mackenzie Camuschurnie by whom he had issue

He emegrated to Uper canada North America 1849. Duncan the second son of Donald died in Charlestown South America.

John the eldest son of Donad the Miller was a clasical schoolar he was schoolmaster of Lochalsh A 1820 to 30 He married Mary daughter of Duncan Matheson Jackman in Kishorn he afterwards resided in Glasgow and from thence Emegrated to Canada and from thence to Cape bretton where he died leaving issue viz John &—

John the Eldest son of Dugald buidhe married first Catherine Matheson daughter of Alexander Matheson by whom he had one daughter Mary who married John Matheson Duncan buachaille on in Attadale

His neset wife was Margaret Bethune a native of Strath Chonnan by whom he had two sons & one daughter catherine Murdoch and Dugald. Murdoch died at Glasgow and Left no issue. Dugald married Catherine daughter of Duncan MacRae Junior Jackman of Conchra he was a Brewer at Liverpool where he died 1861 aged 68 years and left issue Namely William, Hugh, Duncan Farquhar, Hector Alexander, and Mary Mary is married to Alexander Brown Engeneer in MacVicar's Sugar House in Liverpool. Alexander is mate of the Ship Queen Captain Procter of the Steam Ship Cangarue one ~~of the New York liners~~ Durham Liverpool

William the Eldest son married Margaret only daughter of Colonel Sir John MacRae of Auchintoul and resides in Liverpool and has issue viz John William Hugh Dugald Flora Isabella & Margaret

John Cromdale or prudent John the Eldest son of Dughall
an air was the Chief Legginer of the Mathesons in Lochalsh and
his advice was taken in any busness of Moment and always decided
any case in despute betwen his neighbours. He resided in Balmacara
and Married Ann the seacond daughter of John Mackenzie of
Hiltown by whom he had three Sons 1 Alexander 2 Duncan 3 Dugald.

John

John's first son commonly John og Mac Iain Mhic Ard Aladair was born 1676 his Father gave him all the advantages of learning that Could be bestowed upon him He was sent when young to study to the College of Saint Andrews where through much studious contemplation he became a great Philosopher of learning and became a very Skilful practioner of Physician and his father thought he should come out a Doctor. But himself choose the profession of the Law and studied in Edinburgh the degree of an Advocate in the year John og was Selected by way of preference to become Tutor to James Ghraem Duke of Montrose to whom he proved so favourable. That he fixed upon him to be his Councellor while he would be away upon which was then called the Grand tour of Europe after preparation they left Scotland and Travelled through France to Germany and up the beautiful Scene of the Rhine. After some further excursions in other countries on the Continant of Europe They turned their Course towards Italy

There are anecdote Still on record Regarding James Duke of Montrose and his Councellor when they were within the suburbs of the ancient City of Rhume which runs as follows The wather was very mild and the sun was scorching hot the Duke offered his Councellor his cloak for to carry it for him as he felt warm Which he positively refused to carry, which put his Grace the Duke in a rage And when his passion abated, his Counsillor mildly admonished him stating that his Grace was to remember that he was his Lordships Councellor and not his body Servant. Therefore that it was not fit for a man in his capacity to carry his cloak, For this reason that his Grace would be but little thought of for having a body Servant along with him; But that he should be greatly thought of for him having a Councellor along with him And then directed the Duke to keep the red lining of his cloak out for to let it be known that he was a man of dignity Which proved effective to his Grace the Duke of Montrose, who was received with great pomp and honour by the Citizens of Rome. when they came to know who he was as him being a descendant of the Great Montrose of King Charles.

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After the Union of England with Scotland black Cattle was allowed to be exported into England which greatly enhanced their value and rose their price And as great herds of Cows was reared in the Highlands which indeed was the only lucrative produce reared in the Country fit for exportation as the Country was better addabted for pastoral and grazing purposes than for agriculture This sourse of industry made many of Scotch gentlemen to speculate in this Sourse of buenes for the sake of gain which brought a great dale of renumeration into the Country As the Highlanders at this time was in a turbulant state Some dareing fellows formed themselves into banditties who made Several depredatory excursions into various parts of the Country as cattle lifters In this Capacity in the year 1712 a band of Lochaber men headed by one Cameron called Malonai came all the way to Lochalsh on a forraging excursion and lifted the most part of John ogs Cattle from Glenudalain and Nasty along with his Cousins Cattle John Matheson of Ternaig. After the Cows were missed a resolute band of Lochalsh men convened together And upon their way in quest of the cattle they were joined with a band of Kintail men headed by their watch Captain Duncan Mor Macrae and his Brother Jonothan dutt.

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After this they passed on to Corry chatachan the seat of Mac Kinnon in Skye wher they meet a highland welcome and staying with Mistress MacRae. intill his return from Skye; and upon their Coming home to Lochalsh Murdoch was chozen by Mac Kenzie Earl of Seaforth for to be his Poet, and send him to study under his Senachy in Kintail known by the name of the Bard Mac Mhurchaidh Mhic Iain Ruaidh with whom he studied to perfection, and had out done his preceptor in a sarcastic mood,

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And when the Poet saw his intended Paramour he thought death Sweeter than life and the sooner he was dispatched to the shades the better for him. and replied in Earse Suas mi suas mi that is up with me up with me. But upon Mac Donald hearing this and considering how grand and magnanimous the elements that breathed the Poets mind he ordered him to be releived and set at Large. And immediately ordered that his dere Sister should be executed in the Bards place which cruel deed was immediately performed. *

The Bards was always the Heralds of the Highland Chiefs and went always upon busines of importance from one chief to another This way Murdoch Matheson the seaforth Poet happened to be at Glenco House on the night of 12 February 1692 on his way home from the seat of Mac Caillen mhoir at Innerera where he was upon a massage from his master the Earl of Seaforth. This very night on which the Bloody Misacre took Place. But fortune always favoured the brane and murdoch Matheson the Bard escaped along with Glenco soon as by a Miracle. Neset day Murdoch Matheson the Bard ventured to the Vale for to see the bereaving scene of carnage and found nothing but disolation dwelling in the Habitation of Cona. He sat upon a Pick in the center of the Glen when is said to be the wonted resort and haunted place of Ossian the father of Celtic Poetry. From this Pick he could have a pictersque view of every Scene in Nature around him The terrefic Rocks to the East and the wold of Balmor to the west with the Serene Lochlina to the North and the murmurring Stream of Cona pouring at his feet here he composed a mournful and pathetic Elegy in which he narates ~~enumerates~~ the event

No leech had they their gaping wounds to close
Faint bleeding, Shivering, met the drifting snows.
Were the gay band who loved to hear the Song
That praised the Kind the courteous bold and strong
But had the foes that fought them from afar
Given the fair combat— The Fingalian war
These Shaggy birds that tear the Highland breast
Had found in theirs a mone deserving feast

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The Poet Murdoch Matheson was very Zealous in his Masters cause the Earl of Seaforth when he had gathered his Clan to arms in the year 1715 for to join the Standard of King James and after the Seaforths Estate was confuscated he was upon the alert along with the celebrated Colonel Donald Murchison in defending Seaforth Estates from the Goverment Commissioners who made different attempts to get possession of the lands but were always repulsed After the rebellion of 1715 Seaforth fled the Country and took refuge in Spain and France and the goverment give a commision to Munro of Fairn to take possesion in Seaforth Estate and had actually taken possession of Brahan Castle Murdoch Matheson the Poet went Round the Country along with Colonel Donald Murchieson and rose a gallant band of Men who soon relieved Brahan castle out of Munros possession and upon this occation Murdoch Composed the well known popular and Martial Song of Caber feidh in which he gives great praaise to the Earl of seaforth This song give some great offence to the Munros who were determened to have revenge upon the Bard. And having some time thereafter caught him they formed a ring Round him and were in the act of binding him and taken him prisoner to Fowlis castle probably for to be given up to Goverment as a Rebel But when Murdoch had no other alternative of getting clear for his antagonists he said that he had a wish to give them a Dram before he was put in cistody for he would probably be put to death. The party moved along with Murdoch who was kept under an escort to a tavern close by he then called for a bottle of whisky which he served Round the party Commencing at the farthest end of the table and coming towards the door and when he give the glass to the Centinal in the Door while he was quaffing of his cup Murdoch struck him a violent blow in the head with the Bottle that he fell and then leaped over his body he locked the out side door and took to his heels and made his escape to the Land of MacKenzie before he could be overtaken

From William MacKenzie Earl of Seaforth and Marcus of Kintail he held free Land in Kirktown of Lochalsh till the year 1719 when Seaforth fled after the Battle of Glenshiel to the Lewis Murdoch Matheson Composed a song to him called the Northern Earl in which he had given much more praise to Colonel Donald Murchison than to himself for which Seaforth took some offence the Stanza runs this

Ma Shoal thu Bare thar fairge dain
Thu fein s do Chomeil Calamanach
Thu air Cluith a Curt nan Mabanach
Gur iomadh turn a dh airaibte leis
Ba sios an leoghan anmhoil
Bu mhor seamachas air gach bond,

When Seaforth was restored to the Estates in 1726 Murdoch composed to him a stirring Clan song and another called the Poets blessing which we have preserved from falling a wreck Like many other of his songs which are now lost after this the Bard Murdoch Matheson became old and removed to Fernaig in Lochalsh where he became a great penitent and turned his Theme to religious purposes and then composed some Spiritual Hymns He composed as many songs as would full a volumn but they are sadly now lost except a few printed and some in Manuscript lately gathered from Tradition He died at Fernaig a very old man about the year 1757. Learn issue William Matheson who was a miller at Fernaig William by his first wife left two sons Ranald & John He married secondly Ann Matheson a native of Skye issue one son Murdoch Matheson commonly called Murachadh Miller he was a celebrated Scholar and a Clever penneman where off few could equal him he was for some time a Clark in a writers office in Glasgow he died at Torbeg 1836. John died at Kyleakin without issue.

Ranald Now the Eldest son was a valeiant Strong man Having been at the Contin market The Munros Challanged the Mac Kenzies that they could not find any person upon their side that could compete with them at throwing the Stone. Lord Seaforth was at the market and Ranald was pointed out to him. Seaforth came to Ranald and desired him to Give the Stone a trial which Ranald immediately did at Seaforths request and threw the Stone fowr feet farther than any other man at the Market. Lord Seaforth enquered of Ranald if there was any thing in particular in which he could favour him Ranald replied Seaforth that he would favour him much by Giving his father the Mill of Lochalsh Lord Seaforth at once Granted William Matheson Randalds father a free life tack of the mill of Lochalsh

In the year 1793 Ranald was decoyed into the Army by Lewis Mackenzie of Dundonald and went to the East Indies in the 78 Regiament and returned home with a pension he resided at Beauly where he married where he died without issue.

Kenneth dubh na Saigh aid Second son of Duncan mac Iain oig was a celebrated archer he got the appilation of Kenneth dubh na saighaid for killing with his bow and arrows at a conflict which happend at Chanonry of Ross when the Lands and the Castle thereoff was Contested betwen the Mac Kenzies and Munros A.D 16 Kenneth duth left a nemerous family by Alexander &c sons of his descendants are dispersed through Eastern Ross of him are descended Mr. Charles R Matheson Minister of Kilmuir Eastern and his son matheson collector of Taxes Iain and others in Eastern Ross

Of this Kenneth duth descended Alexander Matheson who resided in Conlan who left two sons Murdoch & Kenneth. Kenneth left 4 sons Donald John William and Alexander, who married and has children. William is a sheep=heard in Shattsbuan married to Janet Mac Kenzie from Lochbroom issue John & Kenneth they both Emegnated to Australia.

John son of Kenneth is Jackman of Tarray, Married to his Cousin german Christian daughter of Murdoch Matheson Bad a luckie issue Alexander Murdoch & Kenneth the two youngest son Emegnated to Australia

Donald the Eldest son of Kenneth is Jackman of Glenamer Kintiels married to Lorbes

Murdoch was Jackman of bad a lucky, he married Rebecca daughter of William Murdison issue one son Kenneth and eight dgts viz Janet Ann Margaret Katherine Mary Christian Rebecca & Florence Ann married John Cameron Mary William Campbell Sheaphard Garbe Rebecca John Finlayson sheepheard Shattsbuan Florance Donald Mac Iver Isle of Comair Mother of Murdoch Mac Iver Achanashin.

Kenneth Married Elizabeth daughter of James Mackenzie Corrynhulie issue one son James and three daughters they emegrated to Australia.

Alexander the son of Kenneth duth na saighaid left a son John who left a son named Duncan ban Matheson who resided in Achabhachnich in Cochalsh, he left issue three son & three daughters viz Kenneth. Alexander John Marion & Janet Marion Married John Mac Intosh Kyle Lochalsh Janet Married John MacKay Kyle Lochalsh,

John the third son of Duncan bain Married Catherine Mackenzie from Braantna by whom he had 4 sons & three daughters Roderick Duncan John & Farquhar Mary catherine and Margaret John emegrated to Cape britton in North America with his family June 1821 except Duncan who was a student of Diminity at the time He was Lisenced to preach the Gospel and appointed minister of Knock Island of Lewis 1831 and is now 1868 Free church Minister of Gairloch He married Anabella daughter of Alexander Mackenzie Laird Gairloch issue 2 sons 1 Ebenezar who died young a student of Diminity 1857. 2 John Matheson accountant in the City of Glasgow Bank at Glasgow and 5 Daughters Mary catherine Ann Anabella & Margaret. John married a Daughter of Doctor Kennedy Issue two sons. John K Matheson & Duncan Matheson a Daughter Mabel Matheson

Alexander the son of Duncan ban was a merchant at Plocktown he builded the corner house there A D 1863 He married Jessie Macdonald from Strath glass but left no family he died 1828 and was interred in the church yard of Lochalsh.

Kenneth MacDhunach Chain resided in Achanahinich and married Anabella daughter of Alexander Matheson at Attadale by whom he had one son Duncan & 5 daughters Mary Catherine Ann and Christiana Mary married Alexander Matheson Catherine Married James Burgess Dingwall Ann married James Stewart Mason 1818.

Duncan Matheson the son was a very escpert youth and a Poet of some repute. He was for some time a merchant at Attadale and afterwards Schoolmaster in Glasgow He married first Mary daughter of Kenneth Matheson Merchant Plockton He knew more about the descent of his Clan than any other man in his days and wrote a genealogy tracing out the Pedgree of his Clan while teaching a School in Manchester He wrote some letters on the subject to Lochalsh. In the year 1836 while teaching a School at Ludworth he compiled a mental Calculator: or Rational Authmetic with a Key wherein the principals of Commercial Authmethic are clearly illustrated by Simple Rules and numurous examples Whereby any person acquainted with the Multiplication tables may become enabled to Calculate almost any question in Commercial Authmetic nearly as quick as thought—his family Emegnated to Canada viz

and seeing no prospect for old age and infirmities he follow his family with his second wife in the year 1848 to Upper Canada where he died.

John Glass mac Dhunachmhic Iain oig Resided in Salachy and married Ann daughter of Alexander Matheson Achadalovolain issue Duncan Matheson who resided in Salachy A.D 1698 he left a son John oig mac Dunachmhic Iain Ghlass who married Christina fifth daughter of Fargahar Matheson Fackmain of Fernaig by whom he had of issue five sons & one Daughter viz John Duncan, Ewen, Kenneth, Donald Fargahar & Ann Ann married Alexander mac Intosh Kyle. Donald the fifth son resided in Fernaig A.D 1780 where he married MacRae issue three sons & 4 daughters, viz Alexander Fargahar John Ann Christina Mary & Janet. John is a tenant at Craig Lochalsh having issue one son. Fargahar married Mary daughter of Murdoch mac Dhuil Erbersaig issue Murdoch and Isabella they emegrated from Craig to Australia 1857. Alexander the Eldest son of Donald married Christiana daughter of Finlay Fraser in Attadale issue Alexander & Kenneth. Kenneth married Elizabeth Matheson daughter of Rory mac Ruairi he resided in the Blackdale of Ross. Alexander married margaret daughter of John mac Iain Bhain in Plockton and emegnated with his family to Melbourne Australia 1857

Kenneth Roy Matheson the fourth son of John og was a tenant at Ruaroch in Kintail A. D 1798 he married a daughter of Farquhar MacRae Managinsue Farquhar Christiana and Marion. Marrion Married Murdoch matheson Cuper and emegnated to America Farquhar resided in Avernish he married Christina daughter of John MacIntosh Kyleakin and emegnated with his family to Canada 1849. Ewen the third son married Margaret MacCathy Relict of Hector MacKenzie Conlan by whom he had issue three sons & two daughters viz John Farquhar & Alexander. Margaret and Christiana

Alexander the third son of Ewen married a daughter of Donald ban in Goirtenfuarich and emegnated to America with his family

John son of Ewen married Margaret daughter of Donad ellatheson in Rairaig issue John Duncan Hector & Margaret they emegnated from Plockton to America. Farquhar the son of Ewen was a joiner in Plockton he married a daughter Anabella of John ellackenzie in Conlan issue

Ewen Hector ~~Anabella~~ ~~Christina~~ ~~margaret~~ Mary Isabella Elizabeth

Duncan the second son of John og was commonly called Dunacha an Loin he resided in Lone Corry cruby. He married Ann ellatheson daughter of Duncan ellatheson in Lochcarron issue John, Duncan, Alexander & Catherine who married John Roy Finlayson Erbersaig Alexander the third son married Margaret daughter of Christopher Finlayson Achmore and emegnated with his family to America Duncan the second son resided in Avernish married to Isabella daughter of John Finlayson Pontachullin issue. Hector in Avernish 1860

John was a boat builder to trade He married Mary daughter of John Finlayson achmore by whom he had of issue 6 sons and one daughter Viz Farquhar, John, Donald, Duncan, Kenneth Ewen & Christina marrd to ..... MacKenzie at Stome. John was a farmer at achandarroch where he died A D 185 John Donald and Ewen Emegnated to South America where they follow the the Merchantile line of Business Kenneth is a tenant at Darinish married to ..... daughter of Alexander MacRae Auldbeg issue, Alexander, Duncan, Donald & Ann

Alexander & Duncan Emegnated to Hutson Bay

Farquhar married Jane daughter of Donad MacRae Duart and left issue, Ewen. Duncan Katherine Isabella & Mary

John og the son of John Son of Duncan Son of John Glass married Isabella daughter of Farquhar ellacRae Conchra by whom he had issue John Farquhar Ilona Christina & Anabella

Farquhar the son of John og married Florence natural daughter of John og Fernaig issue Alexander & Christiana who married John MacKenzie Innisteam of Lochalsh.

Alescander resides at Plocktown married to a daughter of John Finlayson issue Fargahar, Kenneth, and John.

Another branch of the Matheсons in Lochalsh who sprang from Duncan of the Temple was Duncan Mac Matheson who resided in Raiag of Lochalsh A.D 1790 he left a son named John who married Margaret of Kenneth Matheson issue Duncan Murdoch & Mary. Murdoch Mac married Catherine Mac Kenzie from Lochcarron issue Fargahar, Alescander, John & Margaret,

John married Flona Mac Queen a native of Peoria in the Island of Skye he emegrated to America 1821 and is now 1862 keeping a boarding Establishement in Pitch Street along with his son Murdoch in Boston united States.

Alescander married in Lochaber & emegrated to America with his family. Fargahar Married Chirsty MacRae and emegrated to America 1802. with their son Alescander.

Duncan Buidh married Chirstina daughter of Kenneth [illegible] 2 Sons & 3 daughters 1 Alescander. Murdoch. Mary Isabella

Duncan Cain matheson was likewise of this family and married Mary Matheson daughter of Rory Mac Dhuil Mhic Ruairi secondly Mary daughter of John Mac Carlich issue Donald Rebeca Mary & Janet married thirdly Mary Matheson daughter of Murdoch Mac Ruairi issue John & Catherine who emegrated to St Johns 1821. Donald the eldest son was a tenant at Drumbuie Lochalsh and married Mary MacLean issue Roderick Mary & Chirstana Donald Married secondly Margaret daughter of Roderick Murchieson Audelue. issue Kenneth Matheson who is to Margaret Matheson daughter of John Mac Dhuil and has issue at Drumbuie.

Alescander Matheson who lived in Achaddatorolain the Eldest Son of John og mac Dhuil an ove, was born at Balmacara Lochalsh about the year 1620. according to the account handed down to us of him he was very tall and handsome and an accomplished Gentleman in every respect he was Captain of the Mathesons under the Earl of Seaforth in the wars of King Charles I A.D 1645 He had the most part of the Lands of Lochalsh in joint wadsett from the Earl of Seaforth. and Balmacarra as a free Estate Alescander married Christiana daughter of Alescander Mac Rae of Inverinate Eldest son of Mr. Farquhar minister of Kintail by whom he had issue namely John, Murdoch, Farquhar, Dugald, Donald, Colin, Florance, Christana & Ann. Alescander lived to an advanced age in pleantiful circumstances and had seen his family all settled before his death. - Colin his youngest Son was a Merchant in Dingwall where he had free Houses He left no male issue his eldest daughter Janet married John Mac Niel Contractor Mason to whom the Houses devolved in succession. The other daughter Mary married Roderick MacLennan Miller at Milbank was mother to Colin Mac Lennan Printer Dingwall and John Mac Lennan Writer Dingwall.

Donald the 5th Son was appointed Tacksman of Craig in Lochalsh where he lived a successful farmer He was an officer in Earl William of Seaforth army in 1715. He married Isabella daughter of Alescander MacRae of Conchra issue Donald John & Dugald. Dugald IIIs Son of Donald married Margaret Magregor from Shattconnan by her he had 5 Sons viz Donald, Alescander, John, Murdoch, Duncan. Donald joined the 78 regiment of foot and died in the East Indies. Duncan the fifth Son lived at Allnasuth and married Margaret daughter of Donald MacKenzie Brantwo issue Dugald & Lesbey who marrie MacLennan Pontnaclath Dugald married Marion Matheson daughter of John Matheson Dornie 1849 and died in the Hospital of Goats Island of a fever in July 1849 on his passage to Canada.

went to the army and is now a living on his pension at Inverness marrs and has a family

Murdoch Matheson the 4th Son was for some time a tenant at Fernaig Lochalsh He married Mary daughter of Donald MacKenzie Brantwo by whom he had issue 4 Sons & daughters He lived in his latter days in Auernish where he died A.D. 18 at the age of his Sons name were 1 Donald II Dugald III Duncan IV Farquhar [redacted] Catherine Isabella Margaret & Christiana Catherine married John MacRae Auernish and emgd to Canada 1849 Isabella married MacKenzie Kirkton who emegrated with his family to Canada 1848. Margaret is married to Donald MacRae Sheepheard at Auernish Lochalsh.

Farquhar is a merchant at Dornie Kintail

Duncan the third son married January 1849 Margaret daughter of Farquhar Mc Matheson Plockton and has issue viz Donald Farquhar Margaret & Mary He is now Innkeeper at Dornie.

Dugald Married first margaret daughter of Angus cameron Aird ferry but left no issue he married secondly 1849 mary daughter of John MacRae Dornie issue Donald and Elizabeth He emegrated to Canada 1849.

Donald the eldest son of Murdoch Married margaret daughter of Donald Matheson Jacksman of Achandarroch A.D 1834 He died at Plockton 1848 leaving one daughter Ann who married 1854 James Mac Kay a native of Lonjue Sutherlandshire and is now 1862 a contractor Mason in Lochalsh,

John Matheson the third son of Dugald was a tenant at Braintra and afterwards a Catechist at Salachy He married A.D. 1795 Isabella Murchison Daughter of Roderick Murchison Auldelue by whom he had issue four sons Sise Daughters Viz Dugald born 1797 2. Roderick 3 Donald 4 John Mary Ann Margaret Janet Katherine & Margaret. Mary married Roderick Mac Kenzie Airidhnieaig Lochcarron margaret the third dgt married Duncan Mac Rae Salachy Janet the fourth daughter married Donald Mac Raskil in the Island of Harris Margaret is married to John Mac Kays Sheepheard Achmore.

Donald the third son is a tenant at Salachy Lochalsh married to Mary daughter of John MacLennan in Achintoul and has issue viz Dugald & two daughters.

Dugald the Eldest son is a merchant at Auldelue Lochalsh unmarried,

Alexander the second son of Dugald was a tenant at Craig Lochalsh He married his cousin Jerman Margaret daughter of Donadog Matheson by whom he had sise sons & sise daughters of whom only one son survived named Dugald who married Clementina daughter of Kenneth MacKenzie Camushinnie Kintail he resided in Craig Lochalsh from thence emegrated to Canada with his family June 1849

John second of of Donald MacAlasdir was a herdsman A.D 1750 at Achmore with Mc Farquhar Matheson Jacksman there of He married Catherine Magregor from Strathconnan by whom he had a son named John a handsome Stout man who lived at Braintra This John married Mary daughter of Alexr Finlayson Achmore Lochalsh He died a young man and there is no male issue of him now living, Donald of the first son of Donald Mac Alasdair got a liberal education in the Grammar school of Channonry, He was Jacksman of Craig Lochalsh He married first a daughter of Alexander MacRae in Auchtertyre but left no issue by her.

he married secondlys Mary daughter of Finlay MacRae in Strathglass and relict of Kenneth Murchison at Achandarroch but left no sons but had daughters viz Florence Anabella Margaret Mary and Isabella Florence married Donald Matheson in Plockton and emegrated to America Anabella married Donald Finlayson Achmore Lochalsh. Margaret Married Alex Matheson her Cousin german above stated Mary married Duncan MacRae Tenant at oinach Lochalsh Isabella married Duncan Murchesson. Tenant at Auriadhmichd algin Lochcarron.

Dugald Matheson the fourth son of Alasdair Mac Iain oig Achadatwolain comes now to be mentioned after being bread at school his father gave him as his allotment the farm of Durinish where he lived in plentiful circumstances untill he took up the sword in the House of Stuarts Cause A.D 1715. Dugald was appointed a Liuftenant in one of Earl William of Seaforths three Regiaments when going to Achadhdatarnagan in the Heights of Balmacarra wherein the wonted haunts where the Mathesons of Lochalsh convened before going to Battle his wife followed him to the heights of Balmacara and on the way to there he always said he had a wish to see Roderick his Eldest son for to tell him where he concealed his Money under ground. In case he would not return from the field of fame till Battles won or lost for aye. After this Dugald parted with his wife and Joined the rest of the forces the army moved them to Bralan under the command of Colonel Donald Murchison where they were joined by Seaforth in Person Hence they moved to join the Stewarts forces commanded by the Earl of Marr. Dugald cheered his men bravely forward upon the fatal field of Sheriff Muir and fought himself bravely with a sword in hand till he saw the most of his comrades cut to pieces and Mac Lennan fall under the Seaforth standard which he at once grasped at and held it up till he was Mortally wounded by a musket-ball after this he took the Ensign of the pole and wound it Round his body in case it might fall into the hands of his enemies, when the Battle was over and the survivors were going through the field Dugald half Rose on his Shield and waved them with his hand and being asked who he was he answered them in Erse in the following manner Si Cirstiana Nic Rath bo mhathair dhomh agus ma dhaitheris e fein an Shirinn se Alasdair Mac Mhathoin fear Achadhdatorolain an Lochaibhlse is aithair dhomh I.e. Christina MacRae was my Mothers name and if aright the truth she told Alexander Matheson Achadatwolain in Lochalsh was my father he then delivered the Seaforth Ensign which was borne back to Kintail Dugald was taken wounded from the Battlefield to the Hospital of Dearth where he died his body was borne to and Buried with his predecessors in the church of Lochalsh. He was Married to a daughter of John MacKenzie in Lochcarron

by whom he had issue 2 Son & Daughters viz Roderick John & Catherine Catherine Married Murdoch Matheson in Balmacara. John Married & had Lands in Strath of Skye where he died young without issue

Roderick got Lands in Kishorn Lochcarron he married 1746 Christina MacKenzie daughter of Kenneth MacKenzie in of Culdrein in Attadale by whom he had two sons & three daughters viz John born 1747 Dugald born 1748 Mary Christiana & Catharine who married Duncan Matheson in Lochcarron. Dugald the second son of Roderick was wood Keeper in Rairag Lochcarron He married Mary Stewart a native of Applin issue John. & Colin. John went to the army where he died Dugald the woodkeeper died 1846 aged 98 years Colin Dugald son is at this time 1868 a tenant at Nostig Lochalsh married to Mary Fraser issue 8 Sons 1 Colin. II John III Roderick IV John V Dugald VI Angus VII Finlay VIII Donad.

John the ~~the~~ son of Roderick Resided in Kishorn and married Florance MacRae a native of Strathconnan by whom he had issue 2 Sons & three daughters Viz Farquhar Roderick Mary Isabella and Flora Farquhar & Roderick got both a liberal education at Inverness and Joined the Glengerry Fensibles and afterwards was drafted into the Canadian Fensibles where they both got commisions Farquhar the Eldest son rose to the Rank of a Captain and had been treacherously shot by his brother in law at Canada Roderick rose to rank and eminence in Canada where he now resides as pay Master General of British forces in Canada he got a civil appointment in the government of Canada he is under the name of the Honourable Roderick Matheson He married first daughter of Captain MacLeod at Inverness and left issue

He married Secondly Jessie daughter of the Reverend James Russell in Minister of Fairlie and left issue.

Murdoch Matheson son of Alexander Matheson Achadaborolain resided in the farm of Achandarroch where he was much respected he married Catherine daughter of John MacRae Factor to Lord Seaforth and sixth son of Mr. Farquhar MacRae minister of Kintail This Murdoch was a very pious man and lived well he died young leaving one son John & a daughter named Mary. John his son after acquiring a good education in Chamonry of Ross. took lands in Kishorn where he marrie Catherine daughter of Kenneth Matheson Packman of Killavuirry Applecross by whom he had two sons Murdoch & Kenneth. John left another natural son named Dugald This Dugald married Catherine MacIntyre a native of Lochaber by whom he had issue two sons & two daughters viz John Murdoch Mary & Marion Mary the Eldest daughter married Kenneth Matheson son of Dugald a Chaoil and left issue. Murdoch MacDhuil Joined the 78 Regiament of foot riven by Kenneth MacKenzie Lord Seaforth 1778. and served in all the Campaigns of that Regiament in the East Indies and afterwards returned to Lochalsh with a pension he married at Dingwall and left of issue 5 son & ~~two~~ three daughters viz Dugald Kenneth Duncan John & John Katherin & Elizabeth and Mary Katherine Married John MacRae at Erbersaig Elizabeth married John Matheson son of Rory mac an tavir 1824 and emegrate from Auldelue Lochalsh 1837 Mary married John son of Donald mac Iain Mh Dunachi Matheson at Craig, of Lochalsh. Kenneth Matheson the secon son is in this year 1862 a tenant at Craig he married first Ann daugh of Malcolm MacLennan Kyle issue one John Secondly Ann daughter of Donald MacKenzie Achmore issue Murdoch Ann & Elizabeth

Dugald the Eldest son of of Murdoch mac Dhuil was born 1782 he was for many years a sheapheard at Applecrop he married Rebeca daughter of Alexander MacLennan Gontenfuaich He died at Craig November 1865 aged 67 years He left issue three sons and four daughters viz John Matheson Merchant in Kyleakin Skye who is married to Sarah McKay daughter of Donald MacKay piper ~~to her majesty~~ to the Duke of Sussex and Son Dugald

2 son Murdoch a Shepheard in the Island of Ruon

3 Alexander Ann Mary Katherine & Rebeca Alexander and two two younger sisters emegrated to Melbourne 1857.

John the Eldest son of Dugald above stated was a tenant at Pan gharbh Lochalsh A D 1785 he married Martha daughter of Kenneth Matheson Plocktown son of Iain mac Commich, he left issue by her 1 son Dugald & Eight daughters viz Ann Christiana Catherine Mary Catherine Katherine Elizabeth & Mary Dugald is a tenant at Erbersaig married to Rebeca daughter of Simon Murchison Badacca issue 6 sons & 6 daughters 1 John Donald Kenneth Alexander Janet Margaret Katherine & Mary.

Murdoch the Eldest son of Rudolphus Mac Murchi Mhic alas dir Mhic Iain oig died young without issue. Kenneth Matheson the second son of John Mac Murchi resided in Kishorn where he married Ann MacKenzie daughter of Roderick MacKenzie of the Family of Applecross who left him one son John born 1777 he was a handsome stout man he married Mary daughter of John MacKenzie Inverania press and resided at Rhuairdnoish in Kishorn where he died without issue 1864 aged 72 years.

Farquhar Matheson the third son of Alasdir Mac Iain og Achatonalain when were send to schoolwo where he proved a scholar and when young Commenced Cattledelling which was the only lucrative business in the Highlands of Scotland by this he soon accumulated a vast deal of Money and being a Gentleman of qualifications he became a favorite of Kenneth MacKenzie Earl of Seaforth by whom he was greatly esteemed he gave him the Farm of Lernaig injoint wadsett when his Cousin John Mor left that farm when he purchased the Estate of Bennetsfield in the year 1[illegible]. Here Farquhar used to rear a great many cattle. besides he had along with his brother John a wadsett which was left them per bond by their father in the Lands of Lussay, Kyleakin & Reach drain where they used to send great drones of cattle to summer graying on the Lochalsh side of the Kyle there is a Rock which still bears the name of Creagan Ferchair or Farquhars Rock from which he used to ferry his cattle to and from Skye. John MacKinnon of MacKinnon from whom they had the wadsett was attained in 1715 for being engaged in the Rebellion having been out with his Clan along with the MacDonalds of Sleat at the Battle of Sheriffmuir by this the Mathesons lost their wadsett rights which never was paid Farquhar and his Eldest brother John used to send great heards of cattle to the southern markets by which they added daily to their Subject.

Farquhar married first Mary the daughter of Evander Murchieson of Auchtertyre who did not survive more than one year after marrage. He lamented her death so much, that a change came over all his demeanour He avoided the company of his friends and followers True he was as brave as warlike and as ready for the Chase as ever but he was no longer the merriest and the gayest in his company His friends wondered and tried every means to win him from his abstraction It was evident something Weighed heavily upon his mind which was known to his friends to be the death of his wife She was a noble woman Her eyes were as blue as the summer sky her golden tresses Shone in the sunlight like waves of gold and her form and action were graceful

true this matured upon his mind and with folded arms and thoughtful eyes he paced her grave in the cold moonlight and none dared to intrude upon his gloomy silence with questions His friends feared that his dejected spirit would create in him a malady which could not be easily cured His Father in law Earnestly and seriously advised him to marry his Maternal uncles daughter Mary the daughter of Christopher MacRae Fackman of Airidh dhughagain who was accounted to be the richest Farmer among the clan MacRae of Kintail. in those days

By Mary MacRae he had issue who came to maturity three sons and four daughters Viz John Alexander Donald. Mary Catherine Marion Anne & Katherine. This Farquhar was a very prudent man and his council was always taken by Seaforth. while in the prime of life he was called by Seaforth to Brahan for to give is opinion about the Boundaries or land mark in dispute twixt two farmers in Lochalsh. and upon his way to Brahan after passing over the pass of Coire Chaorrin. in Strath conan while perspiring he drunk a drink of cold water out of Tobair dergain and sit upon the ground there after he expired 1725 to the great grief of all his friends and relations His body was borne to and buried in the Church of Lochalsh.

After his death his relict Mary MacRae married Allan mc Morrison a native of the Island of Lewis but left no issue by him To this Allan Morrison John Matheson Farquhar's brother sold their rights of Balmacaerra. Farquhars daughters were married as follows

The Eldest daughter Married Murdoch MacRae Achadhyark in Kintail. Catherine the second daughter married Revd George MacKenzie a son of Fairburn who was Tacksman of Tadoch in Kintail, Marion the third daughter Married James MacDonald Achadhnacloich Isle of Skye. Anne the forth Daughter Married Donald MacRae Tacksman of Western Achadhnantighard in Kintail. Christian Married John of Matheson in Lochalsh.

Donald the third son was when young sent to the Grammar School of Channonry and from thence to the College of Aberdeen for to study for the church but owing to the violent dispute between the whigs and Tories he did not addobt that office but settled in Balmacara as a farmer from there to Rairaig He Married first Margaret daughter of Roderick MacKenzie of Lanachan in Kishorn by her he left of issue Kenneth Roderick Anne Margaret Christian Mary & Catherine. After Donalds first wife demise he married secondly in the year 1770 Anne daughter of John og Matheson Tacksman of Duirinish in Lochalsh. He resided in Rairaig in Comfortable circumstances till the year 1791 In that year the Reverend Doctor Alexander Downie was appointed Minister of the Parish of Lochalsh Lord Seaforth was for paying the Pareons Stepend in Lands as Rairaig was ajoining the Glebe Seaforth recommended Donald to give him up the lace he had of his share of Rairaig. and that he would please

him in Durinish along with his father in Law to which he consented and removed to Durinish 1792 [redacted] where he Remained the rest of his days much given to Christan piety and Prayer he died in the year 1803 leaving issue by his seacond wife sixe sons & Three daughters 1 John boon 1774 2 Alexander boon 16 February 1777 3 Donacd boon 1778. 4 Colin boon 8 March 1779 Murdoch boon 11th March 1783 Farquhar boon 9 March 1790 Marys Betsie & Margaret. Donalds daughters of the first Marriage were married as follows Ann Married .....

Margaret Married Farquhar Matheson and emegrated to North Carolina 1774

Christian Married Donald. Millar and emegrated to America

Catherine Married Roderick MacKenzie commonly called Roy Mac Gaelean in Slumbay Lochcarron. Mary married Donald Kennedy commonly called Domhnull Mac Neill a Jacksman in Kishorn She was mother to the pious and highly renowned preacher Wm John Kennedy Minister of Red castle and his Brothers. Mary his daughter of the second marriage married John MacKenzie Jacksman of Attadachadh in Kishorn Margaret Married John Matheson in Plockton and emegrated with her family to america.

Roderick Matheson the second son of Donald by his first marriage eloped from the College of Aberdeen A D 1779 and had been once or twice since seen in the East Indies where he followed the Merchantile line.

Kennett Mor the Eldest son of Donad was a man of great Muscular Strength he resided in Rairag He married A D 1771 Margaret daughter of Alexander Matheson Jacksman of Achandarroch and Sean achraig his paternal uncle issue Farquhar Roy born 1772. who was for sometime tacksman of Achadhna linich and Achandarroch he married his Cousin German Anne daughter of Alexander Matheson Jacksman of Fernaig he died 1854 leaving one Daughter Elizabeth who married John Finlayson Merchant Achmore She now resides at Rhumore of Plockton with her Family

Farquhar Rui the youngest son of Donald was a seafaring man he Married in 1818 Margaret daughter of Alexander Matheson schoolmaster Dornie and left issue 1 Son Donad & 4 daughters viz Anne Margaret Mary & Harriot Their father was drowned in the November year 1832 in the smack Lord Molins on his way home from Glenelg with a cargo of herrings. Ann his eldest daughter married Alexander MacLennan Jackman of Kyle Lochalsh. Margaret Married Duncan Matheson Dornie 16 June 1849. Donacd and Mary [redacted] emigrated to Melbourne 1852 Mary married at Melbourn a Hugh Henderson.

Murdoch the son of Donald was a tenant at Craig Lochalsh he married Catherine Mac Kenzie daughter of John Mac Kenzie Mid Strome and left issue 3 Son Farquhar Donald and John and three daughters Ann Mary Anne Margaret

Donald Glass the son of Donald mac Erchair settled first in the Island of Scrodin where in consiquence of a severe winter he lost sixty Milch Cows for want of Fodder for their maintainance from thence he removed to Court hill in Kishorn after the death of his Cousin Mr. Farquhar Matheson who died in November 1806 Donald Commenced to speculate in Cattle dealing upon a very extencive scale. He removed from Court hill to the Farm of Achandavoch in Lochalsh. His first wife was thne daughter of Murdoch matheson the former Jackman of Achandarroch by whom he had two and four daughters viz

Farquhar Roderick Ann Mary Margaret & Ann

Donald then removed to Craig of Lochalsh he married secondly Mary the forth daughter of Duncan MacRae junior Jackman of Conchra he settled upon her per bond 19 day of January 1820 the sum of £100 sterling Interest in Common during his life time and in the event of them having issue that her family would have their in common of his effects with his first wifes family he died at Craig of Lochalsh in the spring of the year 1828 at the age of fifty years He left issue by his second wife two sons & three daughters viz Alexander. James Richard Matheson. Christiana Eleanor & Isabella: they emegnated to Vandamonds Land Australia along with their Mother 184.

Ann his eldest daughter married Duncan MacGregor a native of Lochcarron Mary married John MacLeod Jackman of Newtown Raasay and emegnated to Melbourne with a respectable family 1852 Margaret married Donald Matheson Innkeeper Plockton Anne married Alexander Macdonald Leighknoydort She died soon after Marriage leaving only one son John. Her remains were born to and interred in Lochalsh church yard. He left with his second son Roderick £1000 Sterling in the Estate of Attadale per bond.

Farquhar his eldest son succeeded to the Farm of Craig and followed for some time the cattle delling but was not successful and falling low in his means he emegnated to New York and has not been heard of since.

Alexander the second son became blind with the small pose he was thrifty active man he resided in Plockton Lochalsh He married Christian Livingston from Kishorn by whom he had four sons and three daughters 1 Kenneth 2 Alexander 3 Donald. John Mary Margaret and Ann. Mary Married Alexander MacLennan Plockton. and emegrated to Sidney Australia with her family. Margaret

Alesander & John died young 1844 their futher Alesander ~~died~~
in the year 1849 aged 75 years. Donald is a sea fairing man master of
the Mary Ann Mac Leod he resides at Plocktow Married to Christian daughter
of Fargahar Matheson Joiner Plocktown and has issue viz.

Kenoldth Matheson the Eldest son was born 1813 and is now generally
engaged in the sea fairing line master and owner of the Schooner
Margaret & Mary of Mac Duff. he resides in Plocktown of Lochalsh
He married 1837 Margaret daughter of Duncan Finlayson Merchant
Plocktown issue Duncan. John. & Mary.

John ban the Eldest son of Donald the son of Fargahar by the second
marriage got a liberal education in the grammar school of channonry and
after his fathers death became Farmer of Durinish but shortly thereafter
Sir Hugh Innis Purchased the Estate of Lochalsh and some dispute arose
twixt him and Sir Hugh Innis servants about the trespassing of cattle
to and fro upon both farms so that Mr. Digeon the factor took possession of the
farm of Durinish and John removed to Eiridinarff He married Margaret daughter
of George Caffrey Factor in Lochcarron by her he had four sons & three daughters
viz William Fargahar born 1813. Donald George Ann Ellen & Margaret.

George was for some time House Stewart with Mr.
Hugh Matheson of the firm of Jardine Matheson & Company 3 Lombard Street
London and is now in the Stamp office at Edinburgh.

Fargahar the son of John resides in Plocktown He married 13 February
1843 Isabella daughter of John Matheson Dale Plocktown issue two sons
& two daughters viz John. Donald. Margaret & Catherine.

Alesander Matheson second son of Fargahar matheson Fackman of
Fernaig lived in the Farm of Senachraig and had besides an extensive
Summer pasturage in the Hills of Lochalsh. He Married 1829 Mary daughter
of Murdoch Mac Kenzie of Sand Gairloch She was an amiable and charitable
woman he left of issue by her three sons & two daughters viz Fargahar Roderick
Murdoch Catherine & Margaret. Murdoch Cain his third son followed the
Cattle dilling which was then a lucrative business in the Highlands. He might
have been a very rich man in his own country were it not that he followed
the example of the old Highlanders, when they came into a town to sell
the Writiner and bargain with him about the best cask of liquor in
his cellar and would not leave town till it was spent.

Murdoch became tacksman of Balmacara and married first in
in the year 1766 Florance MacRae daughter of Wm MacRae of Conchra
he had of issue by her 1 son & one daughter viz Alexander, and Mary.
Mary Married John son of Duncan MacRae Tacksman of Conochra.
Alexander his son after getting a clasical education he emegrated to
Georgia in Carolina and followed merchantile line in Campden where
he became very rich he married ther a Miss Pratt he left of issue by
her. 1 Murdoch Pratt Matheson. Alexander Churchie Matheson who is a
Doctor in one of the western states and John Matheson who settled in
Charlestown and a daughter named Flora Eliza who married the
Presbeterian Minister of Charlestown. Their father Alexander was on
a visit seeing his friends at Lochalsh in the year 1825 and returned
to America. He died of a fever at charlestown in the year 1826 at
the age of 52 years. after Murdoch Bains first wifes demise he left
Balmacara to the farm of Achandarroch Lord Seaforth made murdoch
free holder of Lascay in the Island of Lewis from which place he
had a vote He married secondly Margaret daughter of Mr Nicolson.
of Scorobnee in Sky by whom he had issue John born 1778 Roderick
Farguhar Ann & Elizabeth. Murdoch bain died in the year 1825
at the age of 92 years. Farguhar died young Roderick emegrated to
Charlestown Town where he died of a fever in 1811 John married
Isabella daughter of John MacKinnon Tacksman of Kylerkin
He died at Staine Skye without issue 1859 at the age of 81 years.

Farguhar the Son of Alexander Matheson of Lenachraig became
Tacksman of Achmore Lochalsh where he lived a successful farmer his
Father left him his Substance consisting of Eighteen thousand merks Scots
From Achmore Farguhar removed to the Farm of Tulloch in Lochcarron
He married Elizabeth daughter of James Mackenzie Esquire of Highfield
And relict of Donald Matheson Laird of Attadale by her he had one son
James, who married Janet MacRae by whom he had one son Alexander he resided
in Edinburgh. Farguhar in his latter days owing to a Law plea turiset himself and
Applecross outlived his fortune he died at Achandarroch in 1810 at the age of
80 he left two natural sons viz Roderick & Alexander. Roderick followed
the sea a fairing line and rose to be a captain of an East India man he was
taken as a Prize during the French revolution and died in France he
was married and left a Family in Liverpool.

Alexander Matheson the dairyman married (daughter of Finlay
MacRae Portachullin issue Alexander of Christopher Coll Katherine
& Katherine Katherine Married Farguhar Matheson at Kirktown
Katherine the second daughter Married John Magregor Camault Lochcarron

Christopher and Coll Emegrated to Carolina where they set up in the Merchantile line. Alexander 9th was a merchant in Blacktown he married Janet daughter of W. Farquhar matheson Jackman of Courthill he emegrated with his Family to America 1844.

John the Eldest son of Farquhar Matheson Jackman of Fernaig was born 1696 we are informed the day he was born that he was given to his grandmother to nurse him and when she had him a while upon her knee that she dissolved into a flood of tears. Some of the party present being curious about the cause of her sow when the child was not any way deformed in any of his members. She stated that he was not any way deformed but far from that, and that there was never a man of his kindred who would be more respected than he and those that would come from his loins and mor over what would cause that was the feature of her people and relations

This John made good progress in Channonry of Ross, where he proved to be a good scholar. Coming home from the Grammar school of channonry of Ross on a vacation to Fernaig. He saw in a dream as it were three young Ladies of esequisite beauty rising in three branches out of the same trunk and that the three Sat in a row at the fire side in his fathers House. and that two of them drobt down and the third Stood up. When he awakened in the morning He was curious about the nature of his dream and the interpretation thereof He went to an old man who was threshing corn in his Fathers Barn who was reputed as a Seer. and told him of his vision at night when he had finished his tale to the old man. he enquired of him in the negative whither he saw these young Ladies at his left or right hand. He told the seer is was nexet his left hand he saw them. The seer interpnated the dream to John in the following manner that these three young and esequisitive beautiful young Ladies he saw Sprung from the same trunk were of the same clann. and orriginally descended of the one family and that he would marry the three in succession and that the three he saw drobte down he would out live and that the one whom he saw stood up would out live himself which exactly came to pass according to the true Rules of the seers observation. which happened as follows. Upon his return to the Academy of Fortrose there came to the school three young beautiful Ladies of the Clan Mac Kenzie with whom John whowas them a highly accomplished gallant young gentleman flurted and treated on marriage terms these young Ladies were Anabella Mac Kenzie daughter of Murdoch Mac Kenzie Esquire of Achilty. Margaret Mac Kenzie daughter of Kenneth Mac Kenzie Baron of Balmaduthie and Elizabeth Mac Kenzie daughter of Simon Mackenzie Esqr of Allangrange, which we shall state at large in the sequel.

After finishing his education John settled in the Farm of Fernaig after his fathers death Lord Seaforth made him his Factor in Kintail Lochalsh and Lochcarron which was a very lucrative trust which he discharged with equity and trust. Afterwards MacKenzie Lord Seaforth give ~~I~~ John Matheson of Fernaig and Alexander MacKenzie Laird of Fairburn a Steelbow tack of all his Land for a certain rent for the space of seven years A.D. Hence they used to convene the People of the three Countries on certain days at different Stages with their Chich they took in remuneration of the rents of the land by this institution they became very rich. Upon one occation after purchasing the cattle of Lochalsh at Salachy. They drove the cattle that Night to Glenlungie on their way to the Southern Markets. They went both to the House of Duncan MacRae Jacksman of Coiredomhain after going into the House enquired of Duncan what food he would give them Duncan who was ready wited answered in the nagative that he would give them the Herdmans diet Butter and cheese, and any other provisions his house could afford. Duncan lived well and give always a respectable and hospitable entertainment to his guests. They used to send great Herds of Cattle to the southern Markets and became very much and much esteemed and respected

John Matheson of Fernaig purchased in the year — the Estate of Attadale and Corrycruby from Roderick MacKenzie of Curdrean for the Sum of ten thousand Merks.

John Married first to Anabella MacKenzie daughter of Murdoch MacKenzie who resided in the Island of Lewis and also Laird of Achilty in , this Murdoch was a celebrated poet his wife were a daughter of the Marcus of Bradalbin whom he meet first when with a ship at anchor in a port in Nether Lorn she then [illegible] ashore to gather nuts and meet the Heir whom he invited on board who when he found Her there asked her if she was willing to go to sea with him She replied she could not reject this offer providing he was to deal honorable with her the first port they came to they were married by a minister She was a year married before her father got any trace of her being living She wrote him at the end of a year of her elopement and that she lived very happy and was the Mother of a son whom she named after his Lordship Bradalbin wrote her to come to see him with her husband and child they came at the time appointed. and when the Marquis heard of their he ordered his daughter into his presence who looked healthy in body and well cled in cloathing. The marquis went then to the room where his Son in law was sitting with a drawn Sword in his hand and [illegible] what made him fly with his daughter [illegible] for her Support. Nothing [illegible] replied MacKenzie save what I earn with my two hands and what maketh me elope

with your daughter was because I could not get a better match and I hope she will be forever contented with her lot. If you are right my brave youth You have a manly appearance and after this I shall be your best friend The Marcus purchased him the estate of Ardtully in Lochaber. And all a his daughter became Johns first wife another gentleman treated with her upon Marriage terms with whom her father was willing to betroth her, but she was anamoured in love of John Matheson of Fernaig She wrote him that her Father was willing to Match her against her inclination to another Gentleman but that her affections were laid upon him No sooner did John get this important News. Than he gathered together in Lochalsh and Kintail twelve Found Gentlemen dressed in their Native Costum the Highland Garb. he had along with them the Reverend Alexander Mac Lennan Minister of Lochalsh Mac Crummond the Piper in Glenelg and murdoch Matheson the Seaforth Bard with these he moved in a Birlinn to Stornoway in the Lewis where his intended bride resided on there way they had to land the Bard in Crowlin because he could not attempt the passage of a sickness that struck him, here he composed a song to the occasion which we have carefully preserved from falling a pray to the wreck of time along with many other of his Songs. The wind being Contrary they had been detained two days in Skye before they could venture across the Minch and murdoch Matheson the Bard being relieved of his distemper was ferried across to the Mainland he traveled to Gairloch where he hired across to the Lewis and to their great Surprise was the first who meet them upon their landing in Stornoway after landing in Stornoway they sent a Courier to the Brides house for to intimate their arrival. They moved them to the House all dressed in the Highland Garb and Mac Crummond playing the Pipe before them which was them the custom in the Highlands Miss Mac Kenzie who was very anxious of their arrival was standing along with her Mother at the window of the Parlour who when she saw them passing enquired of her daughter which of these

Gentlemen were her intended husband She pointed out Mr Matheson
to her Mother who replied I do not wonder at you at all, to be in love
of such a handsome Gentleman. After coming to the House and refreshing
themselves Mr Mackenzie invited both parties to an entertainment where both
parties who was in quest of Miss Mackenzie were present and stated that they were
such gallant young Gentlemen that he was at a stand which of them he
would match his daughter to. But that he came to the final conclusion
that whoever of them should get a minister first to perform the
marriage ceremony would have her. he not knowing a minister being one of
the party Master Alexander Macleman who was in an ajoining Room
Shifting his hil and dress and ajusting his Clerical Robes. was
sent for by Matheson who soon performed the marriage Ceremonies

and Wm. John Matheson win the fair. After this they awaited the first favourable wind and returned home to Lernaig where they both lived a happy till death seperated them She left three sons of which only one survived viz Donald Matheson Laird of Attadale.

After Anabell a Mac Kenzies demise John Matheson married secondly Margaret Mac Kenzie daughter of Kenneth MacKenzie II Baron of Balmaduthie by whom he had issue four sons & three daughters viz Kenneth Duncan Alexander William Farquhar Ann, Mary & Katherine

John Matheson of Lernaig married thirdly Elizabeth daughter of Simon Mac Kenzie Esquire of Allangrange. by whom he had one son John og he lived till he was far advanced in years he outlived his Eldest son Donald who died in the Harvest of 1756, He died in the year 1768 He was esteemed and accounted one of the most Respectable farmers in the Highlands of Scotland His remains was interred in Lochalsh churchyard. It is worthy of notice his third wife Elizabeth Mac Kenzie outlived him according to the Seers observation

Ann his Eldest daughter married Alexander Mac Kenzie Inverinate Kishorn and left issue. Mary the second daughter married Simon Mac Kenzie Jackman of Achanarie in Kishorn issue one son Roderick And a daughter Isabella who married Murdoch Mackenzie Jackman of Jaack Kenlochew. Katherine the third daughter married Archibald Chisholm Jackman of Knockfin and second son of the Chisholm Alexander Laird of Strathglass who had issue three sons & two daughter viz Roderick Donald & Alexander Mary & Catherine Mary married Ewen Mac Lennan of Inverinich in Kintail and left a numerous family Katherine married Alexander Chisholm son of William a Cruith at Craggy Alexander married Janet Grant daughter of Grant of Childrequan Glenemorriston They emegrated to America and had issue Donald rose to the Rank of a Captain in the Army and left issue he died in Edinburgh

Roderick emegrated to America and settled in Mountreall where he died 1832 leaving issue James Sutherland Chisholm who became hair to the Chisholm and succeeded as Laird of Strathglass in the Year 1866.

John og the son of John Lernaig died young leaving only one son & a daughter Flora. His son Alexander Joined the 78 Regiament of foot 1793 as a Sergant he rose by promotion to the Rank of a Captain he was very much respected by his brother officers Captain Alexander Matheson 78th foot died on the 15th March 1809 at Goa East Indies He left one Natural Son William Matheson who sailed to South America we have no account of him since.

Kenneth Matheson his son was a student of Divinety, and died young
So did William

Donald Matheson the eldest son was a great Genius and a good Scholar and poet his Father gave him the estate of Attadale and composed many excellent Song betts in English and Gaelic Some of his Songs in the Gaelic would be of credid in any language his song in Counsel of Young Ledies and another in Counsil of Merry widows for its wise and candid wit and the nervousnes of its Expression could hardly be surpassed in any Language. He was a man that was well liked by all people for his noble mond and great Learning except a satire in Lochcarron who commenced to run down his Clan Donal answered him in the following distitch

Sol e a fason Iain bhain
Dh uit a bhi ri cainadh fod bhudan
Do chlann Mhic Mhathoin Lochailshe
Fios gaubhlas so bhruchd ont
Fur a th oth leat bhi fiosrach
Air Borrachd mios air a gubhlain
Ach soath le daoman nach taitnach
Davine gasta bhi s duthaich

Donald Matheson Laird of Attadale married Elizabeth MacKenzie daghter of James MacKenzie Esquire of Highfield and sister of Thomas MacKenzie Laird of Applecross. Donald died in the prime of life without issue at the age of 36 in the Harvest of 1756 much lamented by his friends and acquaintances His body was borne to and interred in the Matheson Burring Ground in Lochalsh His grave is pointed out by a Stone bearing the skeliton of a dead man. In the Elegy compose on him we have the following stanza,

Tha do chumeadh fo bhron
Bhuail an t sarghaid thu ag
Chan eil aghaim na Beol a Fearnaig
Sheg an tionadh fiod beum
Bhon a Chailladh a Sorin
Thog an Attradh air lom na Carach,

Thy kindrid laments in English
Death Sting but the young
There is no Music Non Joy in Fernay
Little think I the Cause
When the Hero is gone
Who built the abode
On the Bare Sward of Attadale

Farquhar Matheson the fourth Son of John Matheson of Fernaig was a Gentleman of Great Accomplishment and many virtues beyond that lived in his day. He was first Tacksman of Lenachraig in Lochalsh and had besides some of the Hill pasturage of Glenlungie Lochalsh He generally followed the trade of cattle dealing. From Lochalsh he removed to Courthill in Kishorn He married first Elizabeth MacKenzie daughter of William MacKenzie of Strathgarve by whom he had one Son & daughter Viz William & Janet Farquhar married secondly Margaret daughter of Alexander MacKenzie of Kincellen Anno 1799 by whom he had one Son born the very day on which he died in November 1806. This Son is named Farquhar and is still living Anno 1868 He realized a fortune in India.

William Matheson the Eldest Son bought a commission in the 78th Regt. of foot and rose by promotion to the rank of a captain He followed the Regament in all its Campaigns in the East Indies He was wounded in the Battle of Batavia in the Island of Java 1811 being then the Captain of the advanced party. Of his wounds he never rightly Recovered He died at Edinburgh in the House of Kenneth MacKenzie Esquire of Inverness Anno D. 18, in the year 1822.

Alexander Matheson the Son of John Fernaig comes now to be mentioned as his Eldest brothers died without issue. He succeeded his Father as Tacksman of Fernaig and Laird of Attadale. A D 1760 He leaved in Fernaig all his days and Married 1763 Catherine Matheson his Cousin German daughter of Alexander Matheson Tacksman of Achandrew and Fernaig by whom he had issue of 21 children of whom none came to the age of Manhood except Isabel Margaret Mary & Anne. Mary died without issue: Margaret Married her Cousin German Roderick MacKenzie Tacksman of Achanany Kishorn Anne Married Farquhar Matheson her cousin above stated. Their Father Alexander died at Fernaig in the year 1799 of a Cancer in his cheek Caused by the sting of a wasp which never could be cured although he consulted many eminent Doctors in Edinburgh. He left the Estate of Attadale and the Farm of Fernaig with his only Son John, and upon his death bed he desired his Son John never to leave the Farm of Fernaig So long as the rent of the Estate of Attadale Should pay the Tack of Fernaig.

John Matheson his Son was a handsome man and a Gentleman of great qualifications. He was as powerful a Deeseman as any in the Highlands of Scotland. and much given to Speculations He much adorned and improved the Estate of Attadale He was Captain of the Rossshire Militia 1796 was one of the Principal Merchants at Inverness.

He married Margaret Eldest Daughter of Captain Donald Matheson of Shinness, in the year 1804 and died 1826 in New York leaving issue Nine sons & Two daughters 1 Alexeander 2 Hugh, 3 Sarpahar 4 Donald, 5 John who died young. Margaret & Harriote,

Margaret Matheson his Eldest daughter married Captain John Macdonald a son of Mac Donad of Lochinner now Colonel John Macdonald

Harriote married Lyall of the Firm of Lyall Matheson & Company Calcutta,

Donald the 4 son settled in Florida in America and married Christiana Mac Leod a native of Glenelg, issue three sons.

Sarpahar studied for the church and is now minister of Cargo Sutherlas=Shire Hugh was for some time a merchant in Calcutta and afterwards in Liverpool 1849. He married

Alexeander Matheson the Eldest son of Captain John Matheson ~~Captain~~ of Attadale was born December 1805 He acquired a good education in the Grammar School of Aberdeen and was afterwards sent by his father to study the Law at Edinburgh, was afterwards taken by his Uncle James Matheson, Esquer to the East Indies who made him a partner in the Firm of Jardine Matheson and Company who traded upon a very extensive Scale to China and afterwards settled in Canton in China 1836 as a Merchant where he became popular and rich beyond any ~~outher~~ other of the Matheson of Lochalsh Father in Ancient or Modern times In 1840 he purchased the Estate of Letterfearn and afterwards Inverinate and the Estate of Ardross is now a merchant in London a director of the Bank of England He also by election appointed Member of Parliament for the Inverness Boroughs 1847. In 1851 he purchased the Estate of Lochalsh the ancient Seat of the Mathesons which was forfeited by Alasdair Mac Ruaraidh Matheson 1427 Yet it was predicted that the Mathesons in future should Redeem back the Lands of Lochalsh which prediction came to pass in the Person of Alexeander Matheson Esquire who redeemed back the Lands of Lochalsh 1851 It is said that some one of the Mathesons shall build a castle in a place called Druimadubh in Balmacarra,

Alexeander Matheson married first in 1845 Mary only daughter of I Chas Lod Esquire of Geanies who died without issue, Secondly he married in 1853 Lavinia Mary Sister of Lord Beaumont deceased leaving one son Kenneth Matheson, and a daughter Lavinia Mary Matheson He married thirdly in 1860 Eleanor daughter of Spencer Percevel Esqr by whom he has issue. Alexeander born 6 February 1861 2 Son Roderick Cheholm Matheson born September 1861

John Mathson the Eldest Son of Alasdair mac Iain oig Achaddatorolain
Settled first in Balmacarra which his Father, left as a free Estate which he sold
to Allan buidhe Morrison a native of the Island of Lewis. but having rued his
having sold Balmacarra and Allan Morrison not coming to a settlement he entered
a Lawplea againet him in Edinburgh by which he wasted a great deal of his
Substance and Morrison gave up his rights of Balmacarra to Lord Seaforth
by this the Mathesons lost Balmacarra without any remuneration whatever
John afterwards lived in old Glib in Lochalsh and had the farm of
Achaddatorolain as summer grazing. He married A.D 1685 Anne
daughter of John Mac Kenzie Esquire of Shildag Gairloch and second son of
the Laird of Gairloch. by whom he had two sons & two Daughters namely
John Kenneth who died young Margaret & Flora. Flora Married Murdoch
Matheson who left issue Wm Alexander Matheson Rector of the High School of
Edinburgh who died 1771 There is a monument placed to his memory in the Church
yard of Saint Cuthbert at the North Bow of Edinburgh with a latin inscrip
tion

Duncan Mor the son of John aforesaid resided in Salachy in Lochalsh he was a man renowned for the Muscular strength of his body. This Duncan always headed a party at the time of the troubles with Glengarry and Mackenzie Lord Kintail. This Duncan headed a party of Lochalsh men who ~~came to Lochalsh under the~~ Conduct of Ewen Macdonell made an onset upon a Party of Clanranald who came to Lochalsh to raise a heirship and spoil the country of Lochalsh after the troubles with Glengarry being settled. This Duncan Mor pursued them to turn back the Creach or Forray and having overtaken the Cattle in Kirkton of Lochalsh. Then a conflict ensued where great prowess was shown upon both sides. But the Clanranald being over powered they run towards the Church of Lochalsh. And thinking themselves safe within the walls of a Sanctuary. But this did not prevent Duncan Matheson from setting the church on fire and the inmates being burned from which action. he ever after got the appelation of Dunnachadh an Teampuill i.e. Duncan of the Temple, after this action Duncan left Lochalsh and resided in Eastern Ross. he had seven Sons. who were all bread at School There is a place above Garve where they resided Called Achadh na Cleireach. Three of his Sons resided in Lochalsh viz 1 John Glass 2 Kenneth duth na Saighead 3 Alexander.. Alexander the youngest Son of Duncan Mor Married Ann MacRae a Kintail woman he died young leaving only one Son Murdoch Matheson the Seaforth Bard. When Murdoch's father died his Mother went to Service to the House of Master Alexander MacRae of Conchra. when her Son Murdoch was reared up to the estate of Manhood when a near boy Murdoch had a poetic turn of Mind. He had been told when young that he should never become an escpert Bard unless he would make a Rhyme to his Mother. The first opportunity he got of doing this was one day when his Mother was busily baking and toasting bannocks of bread to the fire. He commenced to pig at them upon this his Mother reproved him for his Conduct. Then Murdoch turned his Gold to humour in the following distich

A Bhalach tha Ligh Masdair
Bu leannan an lon chraois dha
Sior bheannachd aig do ghean dhuilean
A bhean a fhuair mo thaobh air

This Alexander was the 1st to come to Conchra
+ Ancestor of John McRae who fell at Sheriffmuir

Alexander MacRae of Conchra was married to Florence
daughter of Lachlan Mac Kinnon of Corry Chatachain
Mistress MacRae went occationally to visit her friends to
the Island of Skye and generally took Murdoch Matheson
with her as a valet and passing upon one of these occations
from Kyleakin to Corry Chatachain They meet Lachlan
Mac Thearlich with a party drinking in a Public house at
Luscay who immediately invited Mistress MacRae and her
suit into the room where the Company was sitting. and as
the Shell was going round Lachlin Mac Leahlich the Poet
Said to Murdoch in a merry mood before he would get a
drop of the liquor that he would have to tell his name and
kindred in Rhyme. Murdoch answered Lachlin Mac Kinnon the
Poet in the following poetical stanza

"Sainn dhomh Murachadh MacMhathain
"A teis Miodhain Lochaibhlse
"Le lann Mhic Rath a Cannaile
"Innsedh Mathair dhomh draing od
"Leam eile dhiom do linnanaich Thuathach
"Luchd a chuiladh na Lann Ghlas
"Achda leha urrum na Lardachd
"Bhon a chailleadh Iain Mauntach.

MacKinnon answered Murdoch in the following
manner

"Math a gille
"Math a Sloinneadh
"Math a Shaes
Shaoghaidh e Coon a sgoiadh as.
"Ach a Lachlainn duinn Mhic Thearlich
"Sleat urrum an dain an Sad
"Canar a thing thu mo dhomhurachd
"Sa ach Fhiuraich thu Romh Mo Shaes

These stanzas can be translated literally in the following manner

"My Name is Murdoch Mac Mathon
"From the center part of Lochalsh
"The Clan Mac Rae of Kintail
"My mother Relations I own them
"Another turn from the MacLennans
"Mighty cleavers with gray swords
"They had the chief Honour of Bardic
"Since the death of John Mauntach

soon followed after the cattle and after finding the traces of their feet upo the heath ~~Not~~ they only could they follow animals in this manner but with dexterity and readily could distinguish what kind of creature it is by which the marks were made. This qualification was so common among all tribes which practice hunting, and the feeding of cattle and it was in some degree necessary to this Made of life. so they some times followed the track of the cattle for days till they at last overtook the forray. This forray they overtook near the Head of Lochbeorag in Lochiels Country. Matheson of Lernaig herd man was the first foremost and found the hide of his own Speckled Cow in a barn who returned to forwarn the rest who when they came up to the cattle lifters did not let on to them but they were Drovers going to the South Country after their cattle which was upon the march some days before them This way they kept pace with them till the whole of the party came up to them after this a conflict ensued in which the free booters were overtaken Malonair was encountered by [illegible] More Mac Rae who was a dexterous Sondsm[illegible] and one Donad Cameron attacked by Jonathan and were assisted by the Lochalshmen who got the ring leaders of the band overpowered and got them hand bound and carried back along with the cattle they placed them under guard in the Garrison of Glenelg and was soon relieved by Cameron of Lochiel

told Cameron of Lochiel that there could hardly more round them many of Lord Seaforth Men as many was round them when they were bound. John of Matheson [illegible] an action against them in Inverlochy Court did not gain much by the plea as the party had favourites in Court

Cameron of Lochiel was mortified that his champion was bound by Lord Seaforths Men and send him a letter stating how his men took the advantage of his men Seaforth resented this by stating that there was only man to man at the Contest and ~~the~~ that the same party should try their strength at them yet. Lord Seaforth after this receiving Lochiels letter Sent a party of his choosen men for to encounter Lochiels men who went all the way to Achanacarry the seat of Lochiel where they were Spontaneously entertained in Lochiels Castle next day they were to try their ~~Strength~~ Prowess at the Contest Seaforth Men were dressed in the belted plaid (or Breacan an Eilaidh) Lady Cameron who was sisters of Lord Seaforth stated that it was not fit for her Brother to wrestle with Lochiels Men in that Clumsy dress while his men were dressed in the Feilag beg or Kilt So she ordered them a dirk each of the same. Lochiels champions came forward in the morning of Next day they were encountered in match by Donad MacRae son of Tonlisich and a Duncan Matheson from Lernaig (Donad MacRae upon the first round Put his assailant to the Ground

which irritated Lochiels temper so much that he came out with the following emoution of espanession to his champion. You Coward I have been feeding you for the last Sise weeks upon Fresh beef and & English Porter. And that it was his belief there was no other man in Scotland who would put his back to the Ground except the son of the black den from Knoydord Donald replied Lochiel in the nagative had his Brother not been feet more than his own mother This Lochiel took as an affront so much that he went for fire arms Donald was for standing the test but Duncan more his Brother who was of a milder temper pressed upon the party to leave Lochiels premises which they did and got into a thicket of wood before Lochiels could come at them with fire arm and returned safely to Kintail, After this event John og Mac Iain Mhic Alastair lived in the farm of Achdatondam and old Glebe He Married Mary daugh of Kenneth Mackenzie a son of Applecross this Mary MacKenzie was much renown by the Bards for the Beauty of her person He had issue by her two son and three daughters viz John og. Hargohar. Ann Janet & Catherine

Ann the eldest daughter married Roderick Mackenzie Esquire of Pracla and Rissell Janet married Roderick of Mackenzie Muldtnone. Catherine married Duncan MacRae Jackman of Conchra.

He Married again Marion daughter to Wm Finlay MacRae Minister of Lochalsh A.D 1747 Issue 1 Alexander 2 Colin. Colin the forth son got liberal education He attended the College of St Andrews and became a graduate of divinity but did not addobt that office. And after coming home from College to his brothers house in Durnish Lochalsh He left and Sailed from Greenock in June 1779 as a Tutor in an Noblemans family to the United States of America and after being there for one year He went to the East Indies where he followed the Merchantile line and became very rich in 1809 He lived in the District of Poonah near Goa, He died about the year 1817.

Alexander the 1 son was Schoolmaster at Dornie He married Catherine daughter of James Matheson a son of Bennetsfield He died on sunday Morning 10 March 1828 aged 79 years leaving issue three son & four Daughters viz 1 John 1790 2 Hargur born 1795 3 Roderick. Elizabeth Margaret Mary & Ann. Elizabeth married John MacRae Dornie and left issue Margaret married Largahar bui Beaton Clocktown Mary married Donald Macdean in Kishorn. Roderick and Ann died young un married. Largahar married Isabella daughter of Kenneth Mackenzie Rairaj Lochcarron issue Five sons & two daughters viz 1 Alexander 2 James now a Doctor in Soho Square London & vice President of the Gaelic Society London Kenneth 4 Largahar John Barbara and Catharine. Barbara married January 1854 Alexander Urquhart Sheep Manager Kusinish Harris. Kenneth married Mary Ann Daughter of Donald MacDonald Jackman Tiniosgaj Lochcarron issue 1 Alexander Kenneth 2 Donald 3 Hargahar, 4 including to Duncan Mores Mother Margaret MacDonell dgt of John Roy of Scathaurys Son of Alexander duke of Glengarry and Knoydort

John Married in 1818 Isabella daughter of Donald MacRae Merchant Dornie issue four sons & Seven daughters Viz John Roderick, Donald, Alexander, Flora, Ann, Marion, Mary, Anabella, Elizabeth, who died in infancy and Elizabeth John the Eldest son died 12th December 1849. Ann Married James Turnbull February 1848 and now resides in Elmira Stark County State of Illinois North America. Marion married Dugald Matheson May 1849- Married Secondly Murdoch Murchison in origan near Somerville State of. America Anabella Married Roderick MacRae Invermate 1863 and has issue.

Farquhar Matheson second son of John & Married Margaret Daughter of Donald Matheson Rairaig Lochalsh and Emigrated with his Family 1774 and Settled in Moore County North Carolina where his family and desendants are in opulant circumstances

John of the eldest son of John of mac Iain Inhic Alastir lived first in the farm of Rosty and Aodan. He Married Margaret 3rd daughter of Reverend John MacRae of Dingwall A.D 1745 and sister of Wm Alexander MacRae who left the MacRaes funds in Kings College Aberdeen. by whom he had an numerous family but none of the sons arrived at manhood excepting John & Donald & four daughters. Margaret Ann Janet and Isabella. After this about 1 year 1768 he got from Lord Seaforth at an nominal rent a lease of the Farm of Duirinish and Drumbui where he lived in pleanty ful circumstances Much given to hospitality and charity his fame for generosity is unparalled in Lochalsh even into this day, In 1791 Lord Seaforth give him for his hospitality to Strangers a free life rent tack of Duirinish which he held untill his death which happened on the 22 day of November 1810 at the age of 91 years and was interred with his fathers in the churchyard of Lochalsh So frank and free to each degree The like of him will never See. Memory can gleam but can never renew it brings us joys faint as the perfume of the flowers faded and dried of the summer that is Gone. Margaret his eldest daughter Married John MacKenzie a Son of Canadian afterwards Captain MacKenzie of Tulloch Lochcarron Ann Married Donad Matheson above stated Janet Married John MacKenzie Rissel in Kishorn 1781 Isabella Married Captain Archibald Lachlan in Greasack Donald Joined the 78 Regiament he was afterwards A.D 1804 a Clark in the East India House at London and from thence join the 92 Highlanders He died at Sheatland 1811 leaving two sons Murdoch and Colin both Joined the 78 Highlanders John Commonly called John og the younger Married A.D 1768 Isabella daughter of James Matheson Son of Bennelofeld he lived in Achamore Lochalsh He died long before his father leaving a

family of 10 Sons and one Daughter viz 1 John 2 John 3 Kenneth 4 Alexander 5 Farquhar 6 Duncan 7 Colin 8 Frances 9 Roderick 10 James and Mary. Mary married Alexander MacRae Plocktown the Eldest three son and frances died without issue. James the 8 son Resided in Plockton He married 1818 Elizabeth daughter of Murdoch Matheson Packsman of Achanna and has issue Farquhar born 1 September 1819 John Born 25 July 1823 Murdoch born 2 September 1825 Alexander Born 1831 Margaret and Isabella

Margaret married Murdoch MacMillan and Emegrated to Canada Alexander Emgrated to America 1868 Murdoch married at Edinburgh Mary Penney cook & having issue two sons John & James.

Roderick Matheson the 9th son was for Many years Packsman of Kyle Lochalsh He married Helen daughter of Kenneth Campbell Plocktown issue 1 John 2 Duncan Margaret Isabella & Catherine. John Emegrated to Rangoon East Indies.

Colin Matheson the 7 son Resided in Huntley He married Christian Smith having issue 3 Sons and one Daughter "Jessie" Duncan. William and Alexander born 5 November 1822 Duncan the eldest son was greatly Spoken of at the time of the Crimea war for his exemplary piety and christian labour among the Soldiers in the year 1855-6 He was the bosum friend of Captain Hidiley Vicars He now resides at Perth Editor of the Herald of Mercy.

Duncan the 8th son was a thrifty youth Emegrated to South Carolina where he died 1872, Farquhar the son of John 2 married Flora daughter of Ewen MacKenzie at Slumbay Lochcarron He died March 1856 leaving issue 3 Son & one daughter viz Duncan. John, Kenneth, & Ann.

Kenneth married Flora daughter of John MacDowell at Dornie he resides at Plockton Lochalsh issue four Daughters Margaret Bellay Flora & Jessie" John is a tenant at Erbusaig married to Christina MacLean and has issue. Farquhar Roderick Charles Kenneth.

Duncan the Eldest son of Farquhar is at this time Captain of Mr Rhinys Yacht at Rasay married to Barbara daughter of Angus Livings in Kishorn issue John. Farquhar Mary Isabella & Catherine.

Alexander the son of John 2 the youngest Joined the 78 Regiament of Foot A.D 1793 and served in India as a Sergant He got an appointment in the East India Company Service He was wounded in the Battle of Batevia in the Island of Java 1811 leaving one there named Farquhar of whom we have no account since

Roderick Matheson Eldest Son of Murdoch Smidhe as above
Stated predeseson to Bennetsfield and Sheinis was engaged with
Sir Kenneth Mackenzie Thirteenth Laird of that Family in the feuds
with Glengarry who harassed the Matheans in Lochalsh and the
Clan Iain Ouirin Lochcarron they put themselves under Lord Kintails
protection The first accident of Moment that happened betwext
Glengarry and Lord Kintail was as follows Duncan Mac Donell a
Cadine of Glengarry owing to some quarrel at Home got shelter under
Roderick Mac Kenzie of Redcastle in the Forest of Glasletter where he killed
many of the Deer Gearloch Game Keeper Came where he was in the forrest
Clearing a Stag (Viz Finlay Dow na Liagh and Donald Mac Iain Leith a
Gerloch Man) they directed him in Gairloch Name to deliver up his arms
which he refused upon which he was killed by either of the two. But
could not be proven against them. Nixt Spring a party of Gengarry
men Came the length of Inchlochel in Glenstrathfarrin which belonged to
Roderick Mac Kenzie of Redcastle and there killed Duncan Mac Iain Mhic
Ithoil (Mac Rae) ploughing they put twelve Dirks through his body. Rory Mackay
of Redcastle sends to Glengarry for redress which Glengarry refused
This happened 1597 Roderick sends the bloody coat before the King at
Edinburgh with the twelve holes which was worn by (Duncan when
he was killed. The King being unsensed at this gives Mac Kenzie a
Commission of Fire & Sword against Glengarry which ended in a bloody
Contest which ended the Lands of Strome &c to Lord Kintail But
for our purpose Roderick More Matheson resided in Tearnaig He left
two Sons at least John & Donald. Donald More his second Son
married Daughter of [redacted] of Redcastle He was for
some time engaged in Cattle dealing and in the Merchantile line in
Inverness after acquiring a fortune he took Lands in Strath Chonan
along with his Nephew John from thense he removed to Sheinis
in Sutherland Shire leaving a Numerous Family who were-
Called the fair Mathesons of Sutherland shire Duncan
the eldest Son married into the Family of Mac Kay
by whome he had an numerous family namely Duncan who
was Father to Capt Alex Donald Matheson of Sheinish
who Married Katherine after Revd Thomas Mac Kay of Lairg 5 issue
Duncan James Thomas. Elizabeth Margaret Harriot
Wilhilmina & Johnana Margaret married John Mather
of Attadale Thomas a captain in the 42 Highs
Now General Matheson of Achany James an
India and China Merchant Now Sir James
of the Lewis M.P.

Duncan Matheson the Eldest Son an advocate at Edinburgh and Provest of Leith left three Sons Donald Hugh & John

John the Eldest Son of Roderick More of Tearnaig Succeaded his father A.D 1620 He had been engaged with Seaforth at the taking of the Lewis John Married Ann Daughter of John Son of Alexander Mac Kenzie of Gairloch issue. first Son John More Mac Iain Mhic Ruairaidh He married Secondly a daughter of Camerons of Callard By whom he had a Son Roderick Mac Iain Mhic Ruairaidh who was an escea Sonds man he went with Seaforth when young to the Conquest of the Lewis. When the Viscont left Stornaig for the Lewis, when out side of Plockton Loud Seaforths Sword slipped out of his hand which he considered an ill omen No Sooner did Roderick Conceive this than he plunched into the water and dived under and after a search upon the Bottom came up with the Sword in his hand Seaforth for this piece of Service Granted him a gift of Lands in Thattasaig in Lochalsh Called Glasnamucklae The rock wat side Plockton near which this Seaforth Sword fell is still Called Skeir a Chlaimh i e the Rock of the Sword Roderick Mac left a Son Murdoch who left a Son Ewen who lost their right of Seaforth gift as they had no charter Ewen left a Son Donald Murdoch who left two Sons John & Donald. Donald left Lochalsh was Miller in Stenshell in Rye He married there a daughter of John Matheson Benaur Rye by whom he left 6 Sons & two daughters 1 James 2 Murdoch 3 Roderick 4 John 5 Alexander John & alexander died without issue. Roderick left two Sons Roderick and Donald. Murdoch Resided in Bruzas Skel married Catherine Mac [illegible] by whom he left four Sons & three daus John Donald Angus Alexander "Flona" "Chirsty" & "Jessie"

James the Eldest son of Donald Succeeded his father as Miller in Stenshell He married first a daughter of Martin of Stenshell issue 6 Sons 1 John 2 Alexander Murdoch Paterick Donald Roderick and Mar He married secondly Marion Nicolson issue. Malcolm and William a John,

John Lui son of Murdoch Roy married Margaret Mac Lean daughter of Murdoch Mac Lean by whom he had three sons William Roderick and Catherine who married Alexander Mac Donald in Plockton

John the Son of John Lui was a Ship Carpenter to trade he resided in Plo where he died leaving a family of 3 Sons & three daughters Donald John & Rod Margaret and Isabella Flora Married Colin Mack[illegible] Emigrated 1825 Le aret Married Alexander Matheson & Emigrated to Nezelewa e Married Duncan MacRae and Emigrated to Nezel

John married Chirsty daughter of Kenneth Livingston Plockton issue
Duncan John Chirstina and mary. Roderick is a Failor in Plockton — He
married Catherine Matheson dgt of Donald under stated having three son's
5 Daughters namely Donald John & Alexander

Donald the son of John the carpenter was drowned at Easdale He was married to
Margaret Black by whom he left 4 sons viz John Donald James & Donald

William the son of John Buie married Chirsty Campbell issue
Roderick John & Donald Donald was a sea faring man he lived at Plockton
and married Chirstina Mac Kenzie by whom he had an numerous family
of whom only one son is now remaining viz Hector Catherin & Jessie

Donie

John Mor the Eldest son of John Mac Ruairidh was tak
by his maternal uncle the Reverend Murdoch Mac Kenzie Bishope of Murray
who resided at Elgin for to be educated. In murrayshire he was educated and
there followed the Merchantile line in which he was very Successful. He abs
ent in the highlands under the appelation of the Leannaiche Mor [illegible] Clar
the long Merchant under his Waist John Mor returned to Fernaig in Lochalsh
after his fathers death he here commenced Cattle dealing upon a very esctensive scale
by which he accumulated a great dale of Riches. He married 1666 Mary Eldest daughter
of Alexander MacRae of Inverinate in Kintail and Chief of that name, by whom he had
a Numerous family viz Alexander Ann. Mary &c John Mor was an exce
Swordsman which was a great accomplishment in those days He was of a very tall
Stature and very powerful in bodily Strength He was equal in bulk of body to
John Garve Mac Illechalby MacLeod of Rasay who was reckoned to be the stron
man in the weastern Isles. An incident happened as follows John Garve Mac Il
Rasay hearing of Mathesons Strength was anxious to see him for to try him
ther at wrestling or Combat with Swords. Mac Leod left Rasay with a boa
rowed by four oars to the Lochcarron market which was kept at a place
called Edardacarrin knowing Matheson would be there John Garve me
and went through the Market John Mor Matheson who was with a party drinking
in a barn when he saw Mac Leod passing burst himself out through the
wattle Latice of the Barn. And at once was saluted by Mac Leod who when
they met went into a House near by and partake of some Refreshment
In the evening Mac Leod was for returning home and in the mean
time [illegible] age in his boat down to Fernaig which Mac Leo